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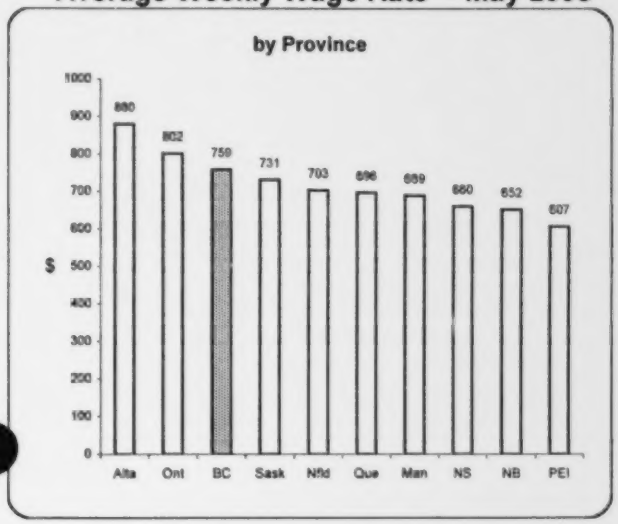

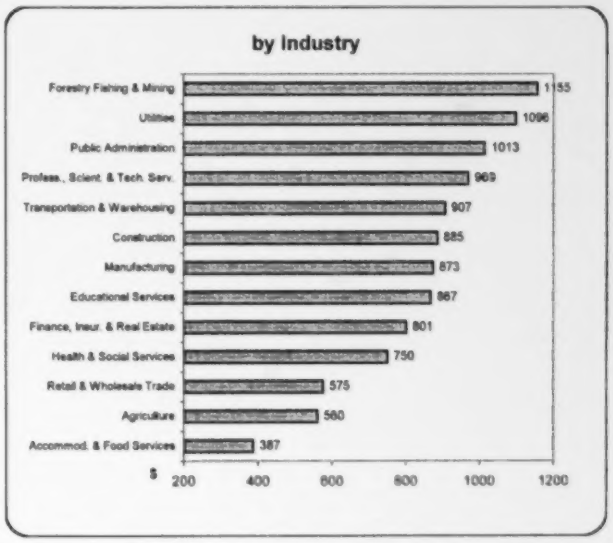

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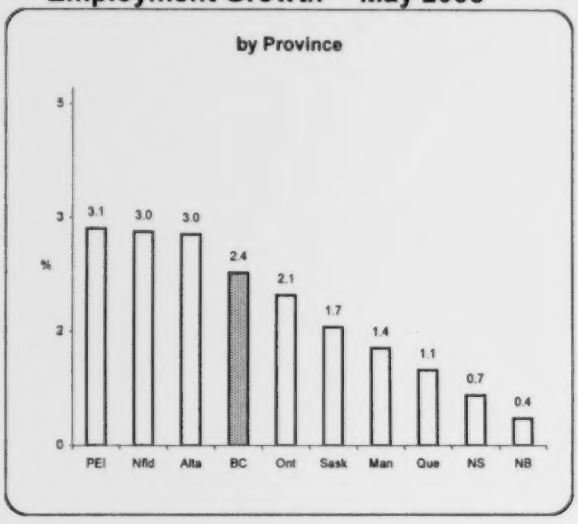
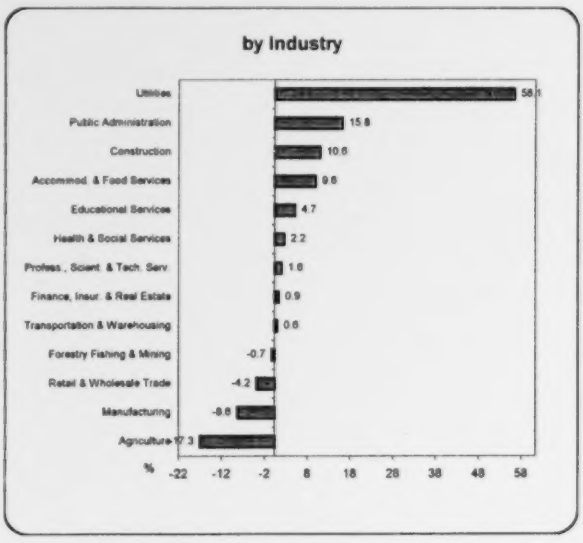
Employment Growth* - May 2008





** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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Educational Attainment and Labour Market Outcomes of British Columbians: Highlights from the 2006 Census

Introduction

One of the Government's five great goals is to make B.C. the best educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent.[1] Educational attainment plays an important role in determining labour force participation, employment, and types of jobs obtained. The 2006 Census contains a wealth of information on the educational attainment and labour market outcomes of British Columbians. Highlights from the 2006 Census are presented here.

Changes to the Census in 2006

Census questions relating to education changed substantially between 2001 and 2006, principally to reflect developments in Canada's education system.

As a result of the changes, the 2006 Census provides more information on levels of educational attainment and fields of study. However, changes to the questionnaire have meant that comparisons with data from previous censuses are limited.[2]

Educational Attainment: Census Highlights

In 2006, only 12 percent of British Columbians (aged 25-64) had less than a high school education, the lowest proportion of all the provinces and territories. Six out of ten adults in B.C. had completed some form of post-secondary education, and almost one-quarter (24 percent) had a bachelor's degree or higher. These proportions were similar to the national averages.

Only 12 percent of British Columbians (aged 25-64) had not completed high school in 2006

Highest Level of Education, Population aged 25-64	BC	Canada
Less than high school	12%	15%
High school certificate or equivalent	26%	24%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	12%	12%
Non-university certificate or diploma	20%	20%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	6%	5%
University bachelor's degree or higher	24%	23%
Total	**100%**	**100%**

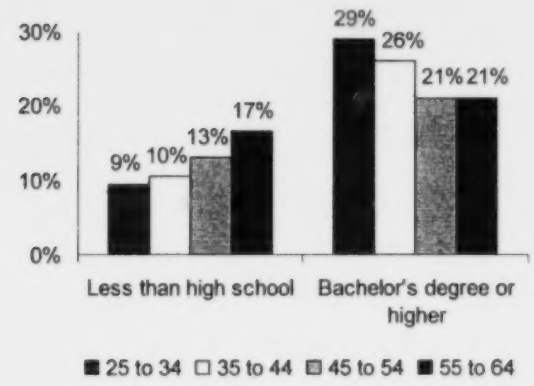
Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Younger adults (aged 25-34) are more educated than their older counterparts—29 percent of young adults had a university bachelor's degree or higher compared with only 21 percent of their 45 to 64 year-old counterparts. Furthermore, of those who had not completed high school, just over 60 percent were 45 years or older.

1 http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2008/stplan/default.html#1

2 For more information on the changes to the education questions in the 2006 Census, please visit: http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/infocensus/education.cfm

Younger generations have higher levels of education than their older counterparts

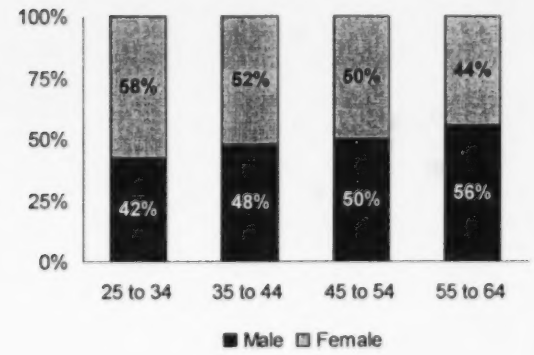


Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Census data suggests that fewer younger adults may be entering the trades—only 9 percent of the young adult population (aged 25-34) received a trades certificate, compared with 14 percent of the older population (aged 55-64).

Young women are leading the way in university attainment. In the past, the majority of university graduates with a bachelor's degree or higher were men, but in the youngest generation (aged 25-34), the majority of university graduates are women.

Young women are leading the way in university attainment



Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

The Census uses the Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) to classify programs into 12 major fields of study. Adult males with post-secondary education were most likely to have studied architecture, engineering, and related technologies, while adult females were more likely to have studied business, management, and public administration or health, parks, recreation, and fitness. The table below shows the top 5 fields of study for men and women age 25-64. The top five major fields of study account for 75 percent of men who had a post-secondary education in 2006 and 79 percent of women.

Business, management, & public administration is a popular field of study among both sexes

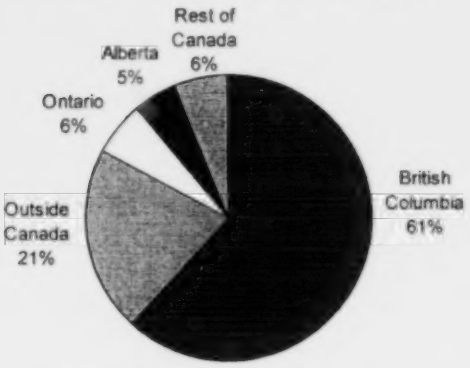
Top 5 Major Fields of Study, Population Aged 25-64	
Males	
Architecture, engineering, & related technologies	40%
Business, management & public administration	16%
Social, behavioural sciences & law	8%
Personal, protective & transportation services	6%
Health, parks, recreation & fitness	6%
Females	
Business, management & public administration	26%
Health, parks, recreation & fitness	22%
Social, behavioural sciences & law	13%
Education	11%
Humanities	7%

Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

For the first time, the 2006 Census captured information on location of study (based on highest level of education obtained). The data show that approximately one-fifth (21 percent) of B.C.'s population with a post-secondary credential (age 15-64) was educated outside of Canada. In Ontario, this figure is similar (20 percent), but for Canada as a whole, the proportion educated outside of the country is

only 15 percent. Seventeen percent of B.C.'s post-secondary credential holders were educated in other provinces, particularly Ontario and Alberta.

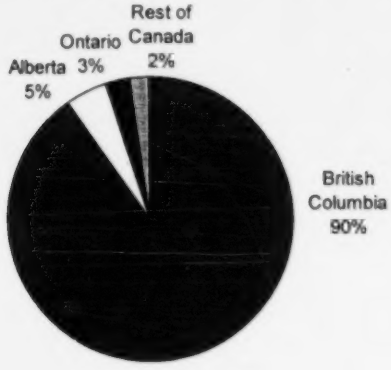
A large proportion of BC's population (aged 15-64) was educated outside of Canada



Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Although the Census cannot capture information on how many B.C. graduates emigrated to other countries, the Census can provide information on inter-provincial migration. In 2006, (excluding international emigration), 90 percent of post-secondary graduates (age 15-64) educated in B.C. remained in B.C. Of those who were educated in B.C. and moved to another province, most were living in Alberta or Ontario in 2006.

Excluding those who left Canada, most BC graduates (aged 15-64) were still in BC in 2006



Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Background: Labour Market Conditions in BC

Both the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and the Census provide information on labour market conditions in B.C. The LFS is the official source of labour market information in Canada. However, the Census is more comprehensive, in terms of occupational, industry and sub-provincial information and is a valuable source of labour market information.

According to the LFS, British Columbia is currently experiencing very tight labour market conditions. Growth has been strong and stable, with employment increasing by approximately 3 percent each year since 2004. This has led to a dramatic decline in B.C.'s unemployment rate, which fell by 3.0 percentage points between 2004 and 2007. In 2007, at 4.2 percent, B.C.'s provincial unemployment rate was the second lowest in Canada.

Canada's other western provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba) are also experiencing very low unemployment rates. However, unlike these other western provinces, B.C.'s labour force participation rate (66.3 percent in 2007) lags behind the national average (67.6 percent).[3] Without increases in our population base or labour force participation rate, steady employment growth will continue to place additional strain on B.C.'s labour market.

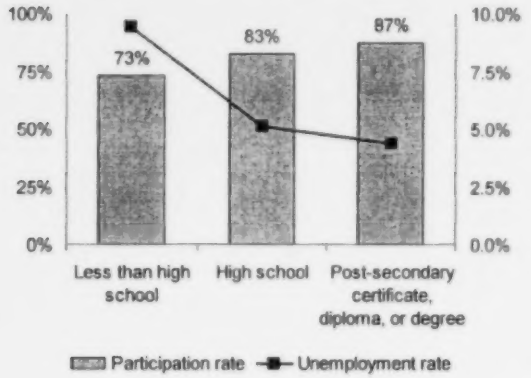
Labour Market Outcomes: Census Highlights

Labour market demand and supply interact to determine the occupations and industries in which British Columbians work, and education plays an important role in determining labour market supply.

[3] Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada.

For example, labour force participation is higher for individuals who have completed high school or a post-secondary credential. Educational attainment can also determine success in the labour market, as illustrated in the graph below. The unemployment rate drops sharply for individuals who have completed high school, and continues to decline somewhat with increasing levels of education.

Higher levels of educational attainment are related to improved labour market outcomes



Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Field of study also impacts labour market outcomes, graduates (age 25-54) who studied education or health, parks, recreation and fitness had the lowest unemployment rates in 2006.

In 2006, education was the field of study with the lowest unemployment rate

Major Field of Study	Unemployment Rate
Education	3.2%
Health, parks, recreation & fitness	3.5%
Architecture, engineering & related technologies	4.0%
Physical & life sciences & technologies	4.2%
Business, management & public administration	4.6%
Social, behavioural sciences & law	4.7%
Agriculture, natural resources & conservation	4.7%
Humanities	5.0%
Mathematics, computer & information sciences	5.5%
Visual & performing arts & communications technologies	5.6%
Personal, protective & transportation services	5.6%

Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

Many of B.C.'s employment gains between 2001 and 2006 were concentrated in occupations and industries requiring skilled labour (e.g. construction, health care and social assistance), making it increasingly important for B.C. to focus on having a well-educated population.

In 2006, the most prevalent occupations for men in B.C. were retail salespersons and sales clerks, truck drivers, and retail trade managers. Although the top 3 occupations for men remained unchanged since 2001, B.C.s' booming construction industry moved carpenters from 5th place in 2001 to 4th place in 2006. Construction trades helpers and labourers also moved into the top 5 occupations for men in 2006, moving from 13th place in 2001 to 5th place in 2006.

In 2006, some of the most prevalent occupations for men were in retail trade and the construction industry

Top 5 Occupations, Males	Employment
Retail salespersons and sales clerks	39,470
Truck drivers	35,715
Retail trade managers	28,355
Carpenters	27,775
Construction trades helpers and labourers	22,270

Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

The most prevalent occupations for women in B.C. also changed between 2001 and 2006. Although the most prevalent occupation (retail salespersons and salesclerks) remained unchanged, cashiers replaced general office clerks as the 2nd most prevalent occupation. Secretaries fell out of the top 5 occupations in 2006, while registered nurses moved from 7th place in 2001 to 5th place in 2006, reflecting B.C.'s aging population and increasing demand for health care professionals.

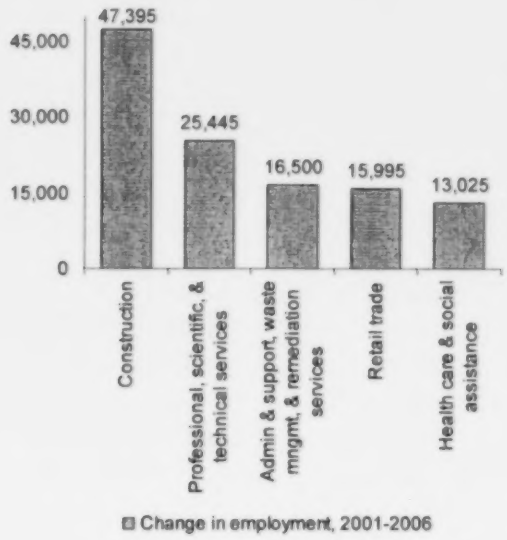
Registered nurses became one of the 5 most common occupations for women in 2006

Top 5 Occupations, Females	Employment
Retail salespersons and sales clerks	60,950
Cashiers	35,030
General office clerks	32,595
Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related occupations	32,305
Registered nurses	31,215

Source: 2006 Census, Statistics Canada

In terms of absolute number of jobs, the construction industry experienced the largest employment growth in B.C. between 2001 and 2006 (up almost 50,000 jobs). There were also sizeable job gains in several other industries, and almost all industries experienced positive growth. The manufacturing industry lost about 5,000 jobs over this 5 year period, while information and cultural industries, public administration, utilities, and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting also experienced some moderate job losses.

Construction and retail trade were among the 5 industries with the largest employment gains between 2001 and 2006



Source: 2001 & 2006 Censuses, Statistics Canada

The fastest growing industry between 2001 and 2006 was management of companies and enterprises (+127 percent, or 1,735 jobs), followed by mining and oil and gas extraction (+43 percent, or 5,985 jobs) and construction (+40 percent, or 47,395 jobs).

Differences between the Census and the Labour Force Survey

As noted above, the Labour Force Survey is conducted more frequently and is the official source of labour market information for B.C., while the Census is more comprehensive and serves as a useful source of detailed labour market information.

For example, the Census provides very detailed information on different occupations, and also provides information for very small geographic areas.

In the Census, the labour force refers to persons aged 15 and over who were either employed or unemployed during the week prior to Census Day (May 16, 2006). In the Labour Force Survey (LFS), information is collected for the week containing the 15th day of the month.

Both the Census and the LFS use the National Occupational Classification for Statistics coding system (although, while the Census uses the updated version for 2006, the LFS still uses the 2001 version). However, the Census is a self-completed survey whereas the LFS is conducted using trained interviewers who understand occupational descriptions and can probe for further information.

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1998	0.3	1.0	1.6			3.9			2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.8	2.2			3.3			1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6
2007 Jan	2.3	1.1	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.6	0.9	0.8	0.5	4.2	2.6	2.0	4.3	6.2	4.6
Feb	2.2	2.0	2.4	3.7	2.5	3.7	1.4	0.5	1.3	3.6	2.4	1.8	4.0	6.1	4.5
Mar	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	1.9	4.4	1.3	-0.4	1.6	3.7	2.5	1.8	3.9	6.1	4.4
Apr	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.3	3.8	1.8	0.1	1.2	2.6	2.2	1.3	4.5	6.2	4.5
May	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	4.1	1.1	0.3	1.4	3.2	1.8	1.3	4.3	6.0	4.5
Jun	1.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.2	4.1	0.9	1.0	1.4	3.1	2.1	1.2	4.4	6.1	4.6
Jul	1.6	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.4	4.1	1.6	1.2	1.7	2.7	2.1	1.2	4.2	6.0	4.7
Aug	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.9	3.7	3.8	2.6	1.9	1.8	3.1	2.3	0.7	4.0	6.0	4.7
Sep	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.4	4.1	5.2	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.5	1.0	4.4	5.9	4.7
Oct	1.6	2.4	3.5	2.2	4.1	2.2	0.6	1.7	-1.3	2.5	2.6	0.4	4.4	5.8	4.8
Nov	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.9	4.1	3.5	0.6	1.6	-0.8	4.0	2.6	0.7	4.2	5.9	4.7
Dec	1.2	2.4	4.1	2.2	4.9	4.6	1.0	2.4	0.5	3.1	2.2	0.2	4.2	6.0	5.0
2008 Jan	0.8	2.2	4.3	3.8	5.1	3.4	3.0	2.9	-0.8	2.4	2.0	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.9
Feb	1.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	5.0	3.8	2.0	3.1	-0.2	2.3	2.2	0.1	4.1	5.8	4.8
Mar	1.2	1.4	4.0	2.4	4.4	4.3	1.2	3.0	0.3	2.4	1.9	-0.1	4.3	6.0	5.1
Apr	1.7	1.7	-	3.3	4.4	-	1.5	2.7	-	3.4	2.1	-	4.3	6.1	-
May	-	-	-	4.9	4.5	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.0	-	4.5	6.1	-
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Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	581.38		621.21		574.30		510.88		517.48		612.18		557.54		497.82		494.58		447.28		492.94	
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2007 Jan	732.40	1.9	743.37	3.2	831.66	3.8	697.74	5.2	661.84	4.8	761.58	1.0	670.08	0.3	619.70	3.0	644.89	4.1	594.99	5.5	647.36	1.2
Feb	733.94	2.5	743.33	3.7	838.95	6.3	693.37	3.4	657.80	4.6	764.26	1.1	670.33	1.4	631.09	5.8	635.06	3.7	600.60	5.8	638.42	-0.8
Mar	735.11	1.9	743.18	3.5	839.89	5.8	680.34	1.1	655.52	3.6	767.19	0.7	671.08	0.3	634.12	3.9	645.30	4.7	590.76	0.8	640.77	-0.8
Apr	740.73	2.3	748.06	3.8	842.16	4.6	684.16	2.7	660.85	3.2	772.39	0.8	679.71	2.0	638.15	6.1	652.03	5.7	596.79	1.7	663.90	2.7
May	743.89	2.5	741.59	2.7	842.16	4.0	691.24	3.3	667.17	3.4	777.97	1.8	685.66	1.7	640.64	7.4	654.54	6.3	600.46	3.0	665.00	2.2
Jun	749.92	3.2	740.27	2.4	850.59	4.9	691.09	3.8	674.53	4.9	788.38	2.6	690.70	2.6	646.41	8.0	653.20	7.4	599.63	4.8	662.33	2.6
Jul	754.33	3.4	744.19	3.2	864.61	5.8	701.69	4.6	679.11	5.9	791.71	2.5	695.23	2.7	637.74	5.1	645.19	5.5	572.97	0.8	663.64	7.4
Aug	761.97	3.7	756.53	3.9	872.01	4.6	719.25	6.1	686.43	7.0	801.30	3.6	695.09	1.9	636.41	2.5	656.55	7.0	579.05	1.8	675.96	6.8
Sep	766.03	4.1	754.74	3.4	880.11	6.2	734.28	6.5	684.80	5.4	805.09	3.7	698.41	3.0	640.61	2.3	662.71	5.6	591.35	2.3	697.96	6.7
Oct	763.91	4.1	748.87	2.2	871.28	6.8	733.62	6.4	686.27	6.0	803.41	3.7	698.06	3.5	650.61	3.8	658.57	5.4	600.99	0.2	705.62	7.0
Nov	764.36	4.1	753.78	1.9	890.34	7.5	735.03	6.0	690.01	6.5	797.72	3.3	695.50	3.6	644.31	3.2	665.89	6.7	607.36	0.2	715.55	11.6
Dec	766.72	4.9	755.66	2.2	892.81	7.2	739.89	6.9	683.26	5.8	801.47	4.9	695.06	4.1	646.50	4.1	668.52	5.5	621.72	5.3	717.67	12.2
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
Mar	767.70	4.4	761.02	2.4	892.65	6.3	743.18	9.2	699.03	6.6	800.63	4.4	693.83	3.4	661.33	4.3	661.17	2.5	619.79	4.9	715.13	11.6
Apr	773.54	4.4	772.40	3.3	891.80	5.9	743.02	8.6	690.21	4.4	809.48	4.8	696.84	2.5	671.20	5.2	668.41	2.5	632.14	5.9	727.35	9.6
May	777.54	4.5	777.77	4.9	885.20	5.1	747.69	8.2	701.58	5.2	814.15	4.7	706.09	3.0	668.41	4.3	662.28	1.2	635.63	5.9	725.43	9.1
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Jan-May07	737.21		743.91		838.96		689.37		660.64		768.68		675.37		632.74		646.36		596.72		651.09	
Jan-May08	771.82		769.88		888.54		744.29		696.38		807.04		697.75		663.69		662.47		621.50		719.89	
% Change	4.7		3.5		5.9		8.0		5.4		5.0		3.3		4.9		2.5		4.2		10.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	15.78		17.17		15.15		13.76		14.04		16.48		15.49		13.12		13.20		11.94		13.05	
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2007 Jan	20.10	2.2	20.54	3.4	21.73	4.1	18.78	3.8	18.26	4.4	20.83	1.4	19.11	1.2	16.65	2.9	17.30	3.5	16.38	5.9	17.17	1.2
Feb	20.15	2.8	20.57	3.8	21.86	6.1	18.77	3.6	18.20	5.0	20.89	1.5	19.14	2.0	16.97	4.5	17.14	2.4	16.60	6.3	17.22	-0.1
Mar	20.14	2.2	20.41	3.6	21.94	5.7	18.58	2.5	18.18	3.9	20.92	1.2	19.12	0.7	17.01	4.0	17.28	3.1	16.31	1.9	17.16	0.1
Apr	20.26	2.9	20.56	4.0	22.14	5.1	18.62	4.3	18.25	4.3	21.01	1.7	19.27	2.3	17.10	5.7	17.57	5.4	16.39	2.8	17.43	3.1
May	20.19	3.0	20.36	3.6	21.97	4.9	18.56	3.6	18.34	5.0	21.02	2.5	19.22	1.7	16.99	7.3	17.38	5.5	15.88	4.6	17.32	4.1
Jun	20.25	3.5	20.29	2.8	22.03	5.2	18.56	4.3	18.40	5.7	21.21	3.4	19.22	2.5	16.99	7.6	17.38	6.3	15.68	5.6	16.89	3.6
Jul	20.20	3.7	20.24	3.2	22.19	6.3	18.61	5.6	18.23	5.8	21.10	3.0	19.23	3.1	16.63	5.1	17.14	5.7	15.02	2.1	16.76	6.5
Aug	20.36	4.0	20.37	3.3	22.33	5.3	18.87	6.5	18.39	6.4	21.39	4.2	19.20	2.4	16.58	2.5	17.29	6.0	15.07	2.4	16.91	6.4
Sep	20.71	4.2	20.57	2.9	22.91	6.0	19.48	6.2	18.63	4.5	21.62	4.0	19.62	3.4	16.83	2.2	17.94	6.5	15.55	1.4	17.63	6.3
Oct	20.74	4.1	20.49	1.8	22.81	7.1	19.64	6.2	18.65	4.8	21.70	3.8	19.63	3.6	17.10	3.7	17.87	5.7	15.90	0.1	18.15	8.4
Nov	20.86	4.2	20.65	0.6	23.32	8.0	19.65	5.5	18.85	5.4	21.69	4.0	19.72	3.7	17.12	3.4	18.02	6.3	16.47	1.2	18.37	9.9
Dec	20.93	4.9	20.77	1.9	23.52	8.8	19.85	6.3	18.64	4.0	21.76	4.9	19.68	3.9	17.21	3.9	18.10	6.9	16.83	4.1	18.64	11.6
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.8	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
Mar	21.08	4.7	21.15	3.6	23.45	6.9	19.99	7.6	19.21	5.7	21.87	4.5	19.81	3.6	17.78	4.5	18.00	4.2	17.10	4.8	18.67	8.8
Apr	21.14	4.3	21.32	3.7	23.39	5.6	19.99	7.4	19.15	4.9	22.03	4.9	19.70	2.2	18.05	5.6	18.02	2.6	17.15	4.6	18.86	8.2
May	21.16	4.8	21.41	5.2	23.23	5.7	20.01	7.8	19.09	4.1	22.08	5.0	19.83	3.2	17.70	4.2	17.72	2.0	16.97	6.9	18.49	6.8
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Jan-May07	20.17		20.49		21.93		18.66		18.25		20.93		19.17		16.94		17.33		16.31		17.26	
Jan-May08	21.12		21.29		23.36		19.97		19.13		22.00		19.76		17.75		17.96		16.92		18.77	
% Change	4.7		3.9		6.5		7.0		4.8		5.1		3.0		4.8		3.6		3.8		8.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	14,046.2		1,858.4		1,509.9		470.5		534.2		5,453.3		3,257.5		315.2		395.3		59.6		192.4	
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	69.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2007 Jan	16,364.9	2.6	2,213.4	4.3	1,901.9	6.8	493.4	4.8	579.8	1.0	6,437.2	1.6	3,701.1	1.7	342.4	-0.1	432.4	1.7	64.8	2.9	198.6	2.4
Feb	16,439.5	2.5	2,221.2	3.7	1,916.7	5.7	492.5	4.4	582.6	0.9	6,460.0	1.9	3,720.3	1.4	344.7	0.7	433.6	2.3	64.8	1.9	203.0	1.6
Mar	16,512.5	2.5	2,245.8	3.7	1,921.3	5.3	494.7	4.3	585.8	2.0	6,463.8	1.6	3,753.5	2.1	345.2	0.5	433.2	1.0	65.4	3.5	203.6	2.6
Apr	16,575.7	2.3	2,225.9	2.6	1,927.9	5.8	494.4	3.0	587.0	0.8	6,489.2	1.1	3,785.4	3.0	349.9	1.3	442.5	1.4	65.8	1.5	207.7	2.5
May	16,963.9	1.7	2,274.6	3.3	1,964.0	3.4	509.0	2.6	604.5	1.3	6,634.0	0.8	3,862.0	1.9	367.3	0.6	454.6	0.6	71.8	-1.2	222.2	1.0
Jun	17,195.5	2.0	2,294.9	3.1	1,995.2	4.5	509.9	1.3	608.2	1.5	6,685.9	0.9	3,954.6	2.5	382.8	2.5	458.9	1.2	74.4	0.1	230.6	-0.1
Jul	17,214.7	2.1	2,287.6	2.7	2,000.4	5.4	508.6	0.8	603.1	1.7	6,688.3	1.2	3,978.8	2.3	380.1	1.9	457.6	1.0	73.6	0.1	236.5	-0.3
Aug	17,173.5	2.3	2,291.3	3.1	1,995.0	4.7	504.5	0.6	603.3	1.4	6,699.2	1.5	3,938.8	2.5	378.8	3.3	456.6	0.7	75.1	0.8	230.9	0.3
Sep	16,965.2	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	1,974.0	4.7	504.4	1.1	599.4	1.6	6,603.6	2.0	3,897.5	2.3	369.5	3.5	448.1	1.1	71.8	0.8	224.4	-0.4
Oct	17,051.9	2.6	2,283.9	2.5	1,971.9	3.7	504.5	0.6	604.2	2.4	6,681.2	2.7	3,895.1	2.4	365.6	2.8	454.0	2.0	71.5	3.3	219.8	-0.7
Nov	17,009.9	2.6	2,297.8	4.0	1,962.7	2.8	505.9	1.6	603.9	3.0	6,656.9	2.1	3,885.4	2.9	366.8	4.6	448.4	1.2	66.7	-1.0	215.3	-0.4
Dec	16,929.8	2.1	2,287.3	3.1	1,982.3	4.4	499.1	0.4	595.9	1.8	6,626.0	1.3	3,848.0	2.4	360.6	3.3	451.1	1.5	66.4	0.6	213.0	0.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
Mar	16,845.2	2.0	2,305.3	2.6	1,987.6	3.5	500.1	1.1	594.2	1.4	6,586.4	1.9	3,809.5	1.5	352.0	2.0	436.1	0.7	66.8	2.1	207.3	1.8
Apr	16,915.5	2.0	2,304.5	3.5	1,985.1	3.0	503.1	1.8	606.6	3.3	6,629.2	2.2	3,805.8	0.5	354.7	1.4	447.0	1.0	66.5	1.1	213.0	2.6
May	17,289.8	1.9	2,330.0	2.4	2,022.5	3.0	517.5	1.7	612.8	1.4	6,774.5	2.1	3,903.0	1.1	368.7	0.4	457.8	0.7	74.0	3.1	228.9	3.0
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Jan-May07	16,571.3		2,236.2		1,926.4		496.8		587.9		6,496.8		3,764.5		349.9		439.3		66.5		207.0	
Jan-May08	16,914.4		2,297.8		1,987.9		503.3		599.7		6,623.9		3,823.6		355.9		442.0		67.6		212.7	
% Change	2.1		2.8		3.2		1.3		2.0		2.0		1.6		1.7		0.6		1.7		2.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	33.9		32.5		34.8		35.0		34.3		34.5		33.1		34.9		34.0		34.8		34.0	
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2007 Jan	33.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.4	0.3	33.6	0.3	33.9	-1.7	32.0	-3.3	34.0	-1.4	33.6	0.0	33.0	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Feb	33.3	-1.2	33.2	0.0	35.9	0.3	32.1	0.6	33.0	-0.9	33.4	-2.3	31.9	-2.1	34.0	0.0	33.2	0.6	32.1	-3.0	33.1	-3.2
Mar	32.7	-0.9	33.0	5.1	36.3	-0.3	34.6	-0.6	33.7	-2.3	31.7	-1.6	32.2	-2.7	34.3	-0.6	30.5	0.7	31.8	-5.1	33.6	-2.6
Apr	34.3	12.5	34.0	13.7	35.6	9.9	35.5	13.1	34.8	13.7	34.9	15.2	32.5	7.6	34.6	11.3	33.9	12.6	33.0	12.2	34.1	10.7
May	34.6	-0.3	33.8	0.0	35.8	-1.1	37.1	-1.9	34.5	-2.8	34.7	-0.9	33.7	1.2	35.4	-1.7	35.1	0.9	36.1	-5.7	35.5	-3.5
Jun	34.9	-0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.7	0.8	36.3	0.3	35.4	0.3	35.2	-0.6	33.5	-0.3	35.7	-0.6	35.3	2.9	37.6	-1.3	36.8	-3.2
Jul	31.1	-3.4	32.0	0.6	34.3	-1.2	33.6	0.3	32.0	0.6	32.6	0.0	25.6	-15.2	32.9	-2.1	32.3	-1.5	33.4	-1.8	35.3	0.3
Aug	31.7	-0.3	31.3	0.6	34.8	3.3	34.0	-2.0	32.4	0.3	32.1	-0.3	29.4	-1.7	32.0	-2.7	31.6	-0.6	33.1	-4.3	33.0	2.2
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.7	-0.9	37.0	1.9	37.2	2.5	35.5	1.4	34.8	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.5	-2.2	34.4	-1.1	35.8	-1.6	36.4	3.1
Oct	30.7	0.0	30.7	0.0	33.5	1.5	32.6	0.9	31.0	1.3	30.4	-0.7	29.1	0.0	32.0	-1.2	31.1	1.0	32.4	-0.9	32.7	0.6
Nov	34.2	0.0	32.9	-1.8	36.9	1.7	35.2	1.4	34.6	2.1	34.4	-0.6	33.0	0.3	35.0	0.0	34.2	0.6	33.7	-3.2	35.9	3.2
Dec	34.2	-0.3	33.5	0.3	36.3	-1.6	35.4	0.0	34.7	1.8	34.5	0.6	32.9	-1.5	34.7	-1.7	34.4	-0.9	33.1	-2.4	35.6	-0.6
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
Mar	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.6	36.5	0.6	34.5	-0.3	34.5	2.4	31.1	-1.9	32.2	0.0	33.6	-2.0	30.8	1.0	31.6	-0.6	33.5	-0.3
Apr	34.2	-0.3	33.3	-2.1	35.8	0.6	35.4	-0.3	34.3	-1.4	34.4	-1.4	33.1	1.8	34.3	-0.9	34.2	0.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	4.4
May	34.3	-0.9	33.2	-1.8	35.4	-1.1	37.3	0.5	34.7	0.6	34.4	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	35.3	-0.3	34.3	-2.3	36.1	0.0	36.7	3.4
Jun																						
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Average:																						
Jan-May07	33.7		33.4		36.0		34.7		33.9		33.7		32.5		34.5		33.3		33.2		34.0	
Jan-May08	33.7		33.0		35.7		35.0		34.1		33.5		32.8		34.2		33.3		33.1		35.0	
% Change	-0.1		-1.2		-0.6		0.7		0.6		-0.7		1.1		-0.8		0.0		-0.4		2.9	

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B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1998	754.02		584.04		18.99		16.66		408.5		1,449.9		36.0		31.5	
	1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
	2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
	2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
	2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
	2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
	2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0
2007	Jan	861.31	3.1	712.85	2.8	21.41	2.1	20.32	3.7	474.3	12.5	1,739.1	2.2	36.0	-3.0	32.4	-1.8
	Feb	873.42	5.4	710.97	3.0	21.77	4.0	20.28	3.7	467.1	5.6	1,754.1	3.2	37.8	3.6	32.0	-1.2
	Mar	874.10	5.6	709.98	2.7	21.65	3.4	20.10	3.6	482.6	6.2	1,763.2	3.1	37.0	1.1	31.9	6.3
	Apr	865.93	5.5	717.00	2.9	21.54	4.1	20.30	3.8	485.6	8.0	1,740.3	1.2	37.9	16.3	32.9	12.7
	May	871.90	3.9	707.38	2.1	21.57	4.0	20.05	3.4	495.9	7.7	1,778.7	2.1	37.8	1.6	32.7	-0.9
	Jun	876.36	6.1	704.29	1.1	21.77	5.8	19.89	1.8	510.4	9.9	1,784.5	1.3	38.4	1.1	32.4	-1.5
	Jul	880.48	7.5	707.57	1.8	21.94	7.7	19.78	1.9	513.2	4.0	1,774.4	2.3	36.8	1.7	30.6	0.3
	Aug	895.26	8.2	718.92	2.5	22.12	7.4	19.89	2.1	514.4	5.4	1,776.8	2.4	36.7	3.7	29.8	-0.3
	Sep	902.00	6.8	714.92	1.9	22.33	7.3	20.09	1.6	506.7	7.9	1,765.6	1.4	37.6	-2.3	32.6	-0.6
	Oct	889.59	5.3	711.78	1.1	22.22	6.4	20.04	0.6	503.0	5.8	1,780.9	1.6	34.1	-1.7	29.7	0.3
	Nov	886.36	3.1	719.30	1.6	22.25	3.2	20.24	0.0	505.2	6.1	1,792.6	3.4	36.6	-3.2	31.9	-1.2
	Dec	895.24	4.1	720.01	1.6	22.36	4.5	20.37	1.1	490.5	4.1	1,796.8	2.8	37.7	1.9	32.4	0.0
2008	Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
	Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
	Mar	892.56	2.1	726.09	2.3	22.43	3.6	20.81	3.5	504.7	4.6	1,800.6	2.1	36.6	-1.1	31.8	-0.3
	Apr	924.95	6.8	733.39	2.3	23.26	8.0	20.83	2.6	486.5	0.2	1,818.0	4.5	36.9	-2.6	32.4	-1.5
	May	921.69	5.7	740.89	4.7	23.12	7.2	20.97	4.6	496.9	0.2	1,833.1	3.1	37.1	-1.9	32.2	-1.5
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	Dec																
Average:																	
Jan-May07		869.33		711.64		21.59		20.21		481.1		1,755.1		37.3		32.4	
Jan-May08		907.38		734.40		22.89		20.88		492.1		1,805.8		36.5		32.1	
% Change		4.4		3.2		6.0		3.3		2.3		2.9		-2.2		-0.8	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	754.02		448.71		899.86		965.38		748.01		728.54	
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	520.61	2.6	1105.10	2.0	1143.37	12.1	821.57	-2.6	865.72	9.4
Feb	873.42	5.4	551.13	9.6	1077.65	-0.4	1327.62	42.2	836.85	1.2	864.41	6.1
Mar	874.10	5.6	556.59	4.7	1095.45	0.8	1257.00	-0.6	838.07	2.3	883.51	9.7
Apr	865.93	5.5	588.80	38.4	1031.82	-4.3	1114.07	-1.4	857.63	4.5	853.94	4.2
May	871.90	3.9	586.02	27.1	1036.89	-3.8	1105.66	-3.8	870.21	5.2	855.85	1.0
Jun	876.36	6.1	547.26	15.0	1079.00	1.0	1197.43	4.9	868.29	6.1	856.10	5.4
Jul	880.48	7.5	586.31	27.9	1124.82	4.2	1111.37	3.2	849.01	2.7	889.49	12.5
Aug	895.26	8.2	562.01	23.6	1128.08	6.4	1123.31	0.8	887.27	6.0	874.28	8.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	571.70	28.4	1228.29	11.0	1108.19	2.8	868.26	3.7	896.20	7.2
Oct	889.59	5.3	583.96	7.5	1189.31	6.0	1026.47	-0.9	853.48	5.4	883.36	4.1
Nov	886.36	3.1	545.70	-2.3	1141.36	3.4	981.91	-11.7	859.73	2.9	881.12	4.8
Dec	895.24	4.1	543.98	2.3	1159.28	5.3	1024.11	-2.7	879.16	6.8	862.74	-0.6
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
Mar	892.56	2.1	545.06	-2.1	1189.99	8.6	1127.41	-10.3	846.73	1.0	900.53	1.9
Apr	924.95	6.8	574.74	-2.4	1186.57	15.0	1074.81	-3.5	911.91	6.3	901.21	5.5
May	921.69	5.7	513.97	-12.3	1110.89	7.1	1305.76	18.1	893.56	2.7	920.97	7.6
Jun												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May07	869.33		560.63		1069.38		1189.54		844.87		864.69	
Jan-May08	907.38		555.47		1160.85		1115.09		882.99		895.69	
% Change	4.4		-0.9		8.6		-6.3		4.5		3.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	584.04		720.07		481.79		631.81		750.34		725.43		614.73		328.88		767.01		621.21	
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82	
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0
2007 Jan	712.85	2.8	851.13	-1.7	585.36	5.8	749.38	-5.0	981.07	8.5	838.91	0.1	771.93	5.0	378.56	43.1	1015.38	5.6	743.37	3.2
Feb	710.97	3.0	857.76	0.8	567.16	0.3	738.92	-1.4	976.13	5.7	824.45	-3.2	766.63	5.3	378.82	43.5	1015.69	3.4	743.33	3.7
Mar	709.98	2.7	858.77	1.4	558.53	-0.3	787.74	3.9	1020.68	12.6	825.77	-1.8	751.79	0.6	378.66	42.5	1036.14	11.2	743.18	3.5
Apr	717.00	2.9	863.23	-0.8	604.33	12.4	761.78	-0.5	981.21	-0.4	823.03	-6.2	738.42	-0.8	394.91	51.3	1033.86	8.4	748.06	3.8
May	707.38	2.1	854.23	-0.6	582.72	5.7	787.21	4.6	934.87	-1.5	833.67	-1.2	727.68	-2.4	391.65	42.6	1029.73	4.3	741.59	2.7
Jun	704.29	1.1	851.65	-2.4	575.91	4.0	781.55	0.0	931.67	-2.6	861.85	1.3	700.94	-5.6	393.19	44.0	1037.43	4.0	740.27	2.4
Jul	707.57	1.8	896.73	5.1	587.82	3.2	748.64	-3.3	955.98	-4.2	872.91	0.6	720.73	-0.3	407.78	54.6	1028.34	8.5	744.19	3.2
Aug	718.92	2.5	900.18	8.6	586.52	3.3	762.65	-4.9	1003.47	3.4	906.42	4.4	739.71	-2.3	427.26	57.7	1017.89	-0.9	756.53	3.9
Sep	714.92	1.9	894.00	9.2	577.03	3.6	777.84	-3.5	983.81	3.1	845.80	2.0	728.18	-5.6	411.82	52.1	985.49	-4.3	754.74	3.4
Oct	711.78	1.1	901.87	7.0	576.03	2.0	784.12	-4.3	944.22	0.2	837.49	1.7	740.23	-3.4	399.72	50.8	972.72	-4.7	748.87	2.2
Nov	719.30	1.6	850.15	-3.1	580.29	2.5	804.81	10.5	955.38	-2.0	846.47	0.2	743.62	-3.5	388.35	48.7	1003.10	-2.0	753.78	1.9
Dec	720.01	1.6	906.16	5.7	548.24	-6.4	794.14	14.9	1017.81	3.6	835.64	-1.3	767.70	0.8	375.29	43.5	989.78	-3.4	755.66	2.2
2008 Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
Mar	726.09	2.3	922.01	7.4	563.52	0.9	819.91	4.1	954.48	-6.5	878.21	6.4	775.66	3.2	365.70	-3.4	1040.07	0.4	761.02	2.4
Apr	733.39	2.3	935.11	8.3	571.63	-5.4	846.99	11.2	978.13	-0.3	877.77	6.7	768.47	4.1	369.99	-6.3	1022.63	-1.1	772.40	3.3
May	740.89	4.7	953.99	11.7	594.01	1.9	824.35	4.7	932.29	-0.3	912.96	9.5	785.68	8.0	387.21	-1.1	1021.36	-0.8	777.77	4.9
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Average:																				
Jan-May07	711.64		857.02		579.62		765.01		979.19		829.17		751.29		384.52		1026.16		743.91	
Jan-May08	734.40		936.21		574.51		830.73		968.06		880.00		772.68		368.91		1024.89		769.88	
% Change	3.2		9.2		-0.9		8.6		-1.1		6.1		2.8		-4.1		-0.1		3.5	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3A **B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE**

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	18.99		12.04		21.23		25.21		18.94		18.62	
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2007 Jan	21.41	2.1	13.22	-1.2	25.34	3.5	29.58	8.0	20.70	-3.4	21.76	9.1
Feb	21.77	4.0	14.39	1.2	24.78	-1.4	34.11	34.7	21.16	0.1	21.63	6.7
Mar	21.65	3.4	14.23	-3.8	25.07	-1.4	31.54	1.9	21.01	0.6	21.99	8.0
Apr	21.54	4.1	14.91	19.5	24.36	-2.6	27.80	-3.8	21.43	2.7	21.43	4.5
May	21.57	4.0	14.63	18.8	24.26	0.2	28.27	-5.4	21.73	4.0	21.23	3.3
Jun	21.77	5.8	13.19	2.3	24.76	-0.5	30.54	3.8	21.84	6.2	21.53	6.6
Jul	21.94	7.7	14.11	23.8	26.16	2.5	28.54	1.7	21.67	4.6	22.01	11.8
Aug	22.12	7.4	13.89	15.6	25.60	2.4	29.08	4.9	22.23	6.0	21.73	7.9
Sep	22.33	7.3	14.41	27.2	26.47	6.2	29.80	11.8	21.95	4.2	22.39	8.3
Oct	22.22	6.4	15.49	21.5	26.17	2.8	26.79	-0.1	21.74	5.9	22.32	6.0
Nov	22.25	3.2	15.99	18.3	26.16	1.0	26.97	-6.3	21.77	2.3	22.09	4.1
Dec	22.36	4.5	16.17	25.1	25.82	-0.8	26.52	-1.6	22.09	6.4	21.95	1.5
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
Mar	22.43	3.6	13.75	-3.4	26.43	5.4	29.56	-6.3	21.58	2.7	22.95	4.4
Apr	23.26	8.0	14.17	-5.0	26.42	8.5	28.74	3.4	23.11	7.8	23.22	8.4
May	23.12	7.2	14.14	-3.3	26.32	8.5	32.31	14.3	22.62	4.1	23.15	9.0
Jun												
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Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May07	21.59		14.28		24.76		30.26		21.21		21.61	
Jan-May08	22.89		14.71		26.62		29.09		22.49		22.85	
% Change	6.0		3.0		7.5		-3.9		6.1		5.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	16.66		18.67		13.58		17.27		19.63		22.20		18.78		10.42		20.94		17.17	
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47		22.02		18.98		10.29		21.56		17.34	
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	25.87	1.5	22.50	0.4	12.40	4.6	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9
2007 Jan	20.32	3.7	21.64	-0.7	16.45	4.4	20.42	-2.6	25.23	6.8	26.68	9.2	23.31	3.7	12.06	0.0	27.34	6.0	20.54	3.4
Feb	20.28	3.7	21.88	3.0	16.18	0.7	20.41	1.3	25.48	5.2	25.59	-0.9	23.24	6.4	12.29	5.3	27.21	3.5	20.57	3.8
Mar	20.10	3.6	21.54	1.3	15.88	0.7	21.07	3.5	26.01	9.4	25.35	2.1	22.95	3.3	11.94	2.0	27.74	9.6	20.41	3.6
Apr	20.30	3.8	21.47	-1.2	16.53	7.8	20.80	1.5	25.31	-1.6	25.85	0.0	22.93	3.7	12.50	8.9	27.70	7.8	20.56	4.0
May	20.05	3.4	21.61	0.4	16.11	5.0	21.16	3.1	24.41	-1.5	25.74	2.4	22.54	2.4	12.43	10.3	27.44	3.9	20.36	3.6
Jun	19.89	1.8	21.42	-1.9	15.87	2.1	21.01	-1.3	24.27	-3.1	25.66	1.2	22.13	0.7	12.44	6.1	27.69	3.1	20.29	2.8
Jul	19.78	1.9	22.30	5.5	16.31	3.8	20.34	-3.1	24.87	-5.6	25.99	3.3	21.97	1.3	12.51	8.2	27.32	6.4	20.24	3.2
Aug	19.89	2.1	22.56	6.7	16.13	1.9	20.72	-3.8	25.93	2.3	26.21	4.1	22.31	-0.4	12.57	9.8	27.09	0.4	20.37	3.3
Sep	20.09	1.6	22.19	7.9	16.20	4.1	21.03	-3.2	25.37	0.8	26.24	4.0	21.92	-4.2	12.61	3.9	26.29	-4.5	20.57	2.9
Oct	20.04	0.6	22.58	7.7	16.12	2.4	21.29	-3.3	24.58	-1.6	25.66	0.1	22.21	-3.6	12.34	0.2	26.50	-2.7	20.49	1.8
Nov	20.24	0.0	21.72	-2.5	16.35	2.4	21.63	7.4	25.33	-1.2	25.36	-5.7	22.26	-3.6	12.43	-0.2	27.31	0.1	20.65	0.6
Dec	20.37	1.1	22.23	3.1	15.85	-3.6	22.06	14 8	26.38	2.3	26.32	1.3	22.26	-3.6	12.68	2.4	26.91	-2.3	20.77	1.9
2008 Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	27.30	2.3	22.60	-3.0	12.86	6.6	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	26.55	3.8	23.08	-0.7	12.42	1.1	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
Mar	20.81	3.5	23.26	8.0	16.19	2.0	22.94	8.9	25.07	-3.6	26.90	6.1	23.53	2.5	12.60	5.5	28.41	2.4	21.15	3.6
Apr	20.83	2.6	23.30	8.5	16.32	-1.3	22.84	9.8	25.52	0.8	26.46	2.4	22.86	-0.3	12.81	2.5	27.95	0.9	21.32	3.7
May	20.97	4.6	24.31	12.5	16.78	4.2	22.52	6.4	24.82	1.7	27.33	6.2	23.06	2.3	12.75	2.6	27.32	-0.4	21.41	5.2
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Average:																				
Jan-May07	20.21		21.63		16.23		20.77		25.29		25.84		22.99		12.24		27.49		20.49	
Jan-May08	20.88		23.62		16.32		22.71		25.31		26.91		23.03		12.69		27.85		21.29	
% Change	3.3		9.2		0.5		9.3		0.1		4.1		0.1		3.6		1.3		3.9	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	408.5		33.0		30.2		3.4		17.7		195.9		25.6		43.4		22.7		117.2	
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2007 Jan	474.3	12.5	30.0	3.1	23.1	43.5	1.7	-51.4	24.0	38.7	200.0	8.2	27.7	33.2	35.8	-21.5	14.3	17.2	187.5	15.8
Feb	467.1	5.6	31.4	0.0	20.7	10.1	n.a.	n.a	23.9	55.2	203.3	1.7	25.8	-5.8	37.2	-19.1	15.9	24.2	177.2	7.1
Mar	482.6	6.2	31.8	-8.4	20.2	-0.5	1.9	-26.9	20.0	34.2	215.3	5.6	27.8	14.9	45.1	-10.5	16.7	36.9	185.1	8.4
Apr	485.6	8.0	32.0	-11.1	20.3	28.5	4.0	60.0	18.7	15.4	210.5	6.1	30.1	10.7	41.0	-14.0	16.5	14.6	191.3	9.9
May	495.9	7.7	36.9	0.3	23.7	20.9	3.0	7.1	18.7	2.7	207.4	1.8	28.2	6.8	42.9	-11.7	17.9	-2.7	197.7	15.3
Jun	510.4	9.9	37.8	8.3	27.3	12.3	1.8	-52.6	21.0	19.3	209.7	8.3	25.1	10.1	49.4	18.2	14.5	-18.5	203.5	12.2
Jul	513.2	4.0	41.7	4.5	26.8	7.2	2.2	-21.4	19.8	10.0	212.6	4.5	26.0	20.9	53.3	17.1	16.3	7.2	198.2	1.6
Aug	514.4	5.4	40.6	1.2	25.0	1.2	6.1	64.9	19.7	-5.3	203.4	4.4	25.7	25.4	55.4	21.2	16.4	0.6	208.2	6.9
Sep	506.7	7.9	40.3	11.9	24.0	1.7	3.5	94.4	18.5	-21.6	209.6	9.0	29.6	24.9	54.2	35.2	14.4	-19.1	200.2	9.2
Oct	503.0	5.8	41.9	22.5	26.9	15.5	3.2	33.3	19.7	-19.3	202.9	3.5	31.1	24.4	46.1	16.1	12.3	-15.8	195.7	5.9
Nov	505.2	6.1	35.5	12.0	27.3	5.8	2.6	n.a	16.7	-31.6	202.5	1.5	30.4	23.1	41.3	-4.0	13.8	-9.2	208.1	13.4
Dec	490.5	4.1	35.0	10.8	26.7	14.6	3.1	93.8	19.4	-9.3	183.6	-7.9	32.3	14.1	34.9	-20.9	13.7	0.0	209.5	13.5
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	6.3	3.1	n.a	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
Mar	504.7	4.6	36.5	14.8	22.4	10.9	2.5	31.6	18.5	-7.5	195.0	-9.4	34.4	23.7	34.7	-23.1	16.5	-1.2	214.2	15.7
Apr	486.5	0.2	34.7	8.4	17.1	-15.8	1.8	-55.0	24.9	33.2	180.2	-14.4	22.6	-24.9	34.3	-16.3	14.1	-14.5	214.5	12.1
May	496.9	0.2	30.5	-17.3	19.5	-17.7	1.8	-40.0	24.0	28.3	189.5	-8.6	26.2	-7.1	40.4	-5.8	11.1	-38.0	218.7	10.6
Jun																				
Jul																				
Aug																				
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Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May07	481.1		32.4		21.6		n.a.		21.1		207.3		27.9		40.4		16.3		187.8	
Jan-May08	492.1		34.7		20.7		2.5		21.5		186.7		29.5		33.6		15.3		211.8	
% Change	2.3		6.9		-4.1		n.a.		2.1		-9.9		5.7		-16.9		-5.8		12.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		838.5		118.3		197.4		146.8		93.8		1,858.4	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2007 Jan	1,739.1	2.2	119.4	-2.1	350.8	0.1	137.6	7.5	1,036.7	3.1	161.8	1.4	233.9	11.1	173.8	1.6	94.7	0.1	2,213.4	4.3
Feb	1,754.1	3.2	130.5	4.1	354.4	-0.3	139.9	8.1	1,041.2	4.3	169.8	5.1	243.2	14.1	167.0	-1.1	88.1	-2.8	2,221.2	3.7
Mar	1,763.2	3.1	124.5	1.1	356.0	-0.7	149.2	12.4	1,041.9	3.8	169.3	6.5	248.5	10.8	168.5	5.8	91.6	-1.3	2,245.8	3.7
Apr	1,740.3	1.2	120.9	0.8	346.9	-3.8	145.2	12.1	1,034.0	1.6	163.4	3.4	241.6	7.8	164.9	-0.9	93.4	2.2	2,225.9	2.6
May	1,778.7	2.1	127.1	4.0	365.7	0.8	149.4	12.9	1,042.5	1.1	163.4	4.8	234.4	-1.2	169.1	0.4	94.1	1.2	2,274.6	3.3
Jun	1,784.5	1.3	128.1	2.4	365.7	-0.1	148.0	8.5	1,045.3	0.0	155.8	-2.3	242.0	-0.7	178.8	4.0	97.5	10.2	2,294.9	3.1
Jul	1,774.4	2.3	130.8	11.5	377.0	9.1	150.0	5.9	1,017.3	-1.6	121.4	-11.8	239.1	-2.6	176.3	0.9	99.3	3.5	2,287.6	2.7
Aug	1,776.8	2.4	126.2	6.9	377.3	9.6	149.2	2.8	1,026.4	-1.4	119.1	-8.9	235.3	-2.8	191.6	7.9	97.7	12.8	2,291.3	3.1
Sep	1,765.6	1.4	122.9	4.0	364.0	4.2	143.8	1.9	1,038.4	-0.7	159.0	1.3	236.5	-0.7	172.5	0.2	96.7	11.7	2,272.4	2.8
Oct	1,780.9	1.6	120.5	6.0	374.2	8.1	142.6	-0.6	1,046.5	-1.2	160.5	-0.5	243.7	2.0	171.4	-1.8	97.0	6.6	2,283.9	2.5
Nov	1,792.6	3.4	125.8	10.8	378.0	6.7	142.7	-4.1	1,048.9	2.6	163.7	0.1	241.9	5.6	169.7	-0.2	97.2	3.0	2,297.8	4.0
Dec	1,796.8	2.8	131.2	13.7	370.4	5.6	141.9	-3.9	1,050.1	0.5	166.5	-1.5	235.9	-1.4	168.5	-1.4	103.3	15.2	2,287.3	3.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
Mar	1,800.6	2.1	130.0	4.4	362.8	1.9	134.1	-10.1	1,069.7	2.7	161.5	-4.6	240.6	-3.2	175.9	4.4	104.0	13.5	2,305.3	2.6
Apr	1,818.0	4.5	130.4	7.9	357.8	3.1	142.2	-2.1	1,081.9	4.6	168.4	3.1	233.1	-3.5	183.4	11.2	105.9	13.4	2,304.5	3.5
May	1,833.1	3.1	127.9	0.6	350.2	-4.2	150.8	0.9	1,095.2	5.1	171.1	4.7	239.5	2.2	185.3	9.6	109.0	15.8	2,330.0	2.4
Jun																				
Jul																				
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May07	1,755.1		124.5		354.8		144.3		1,039.3		165.5		240.3		168.7		92.4		2,236.2	
Jan-May08	1,805.8		128.6		355.1		144.0		1,075.7		168.4		240.1		176.5		102.4		2,297.8	
% Change	2.9		3.3		0.1		-0.2		3.5		1.7		-0.1		4.7		10.9		2.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	36.0		38.3		38.8		34.2		35.8		34.7	
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2007 Jan	36.0	-3.0	31.4	-0.6	44.0	4.8	38.1	11.4	36.6	-2.7	34.1	-6.8
Feb	37.8	3.6	31.3	3.3	47.9	26.7	41.4	15.3	38.1	3.3	35.7	-3.0
Mar	37.0	1.1	33.5	15.1	45.0	14.2	34.0	-22.6	36.6	-1.1	36.5	-0.3
Apr	37.9	16.3	37.3	15.1	36.7	-4.9	42.8	24.8	38.5	18.5	37.4	18.7
May	37.8	1.6	41.0	12.9	38.5	-1.3	37.6	2.2	37.4	1.9	37.4	0.0
Jun	38.4	1.1	38.7	4.6	42.2	3.4	41.5	1.5	37.3	-1.8	38.5	2.9
Jul	36.8	1.7	39.5	3.4	40.7	9.4	33.0	2.2	35.5	-3.0	36.9	4.2
Aug	36.7	3.7	40.2	12.3	35.8	-11.6	33.4	3.4	35.9	3.2	37.3	7.2
Sep	37.6	-2.3	36.8	-6.4	36.2	-16.6	33.7	-11.3	37.0	-2.4	38.8	2.9
Oct	34.1	-1.7	37.5	-11.8	38.6	-1.0	27.9	-14.7	32.7	-2.7	34.2	2.1
Nov	36.6	-3.2	30.1	-22.0	39.5	-5.7	28.4	-29.7	36.4	-1.9	37.8	1.6
Dec	37.7	1.9	35.3	6.6	41.8	-1.4	38.9	1.3	37.5	1.6	37.2	2.2
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
Mar	36.6	-1.1	38.9	16.1	42.0	-6.7	28.3	-16.8	37.1	1.4	35.2	-3.6
Apr	36.9	-2.6	39.3	5.4	38.6	5.2	36.7	-14.3	37.2	-3.4	35.8	-4.3
May	37.1	-1.9	41.0	0.0	39.0	1.3	32.5	-13.6	36.3	-2.9	37.0	-1.1
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May07	37.3		34.9		42.4		38.8		37.4		36.2	
Jan-May08	36.5		37.9		39.9		33.0		36.6		35.6	
% Change	-2.2		8.7		-6.0		-14.8		-2.2		-1.6	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	31.5		35.6		31.9		33.6		34.5		27.9		28.6		30.4		32.8		32.5	
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2
2007 Jan	32.4	-1.8	38.0	0.8	32.5	-0.6	34.4	-1.4	35.4	-6.3	31.2	-6.9	30.4	0.0	28.9	1.8	34.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8
Feb	32.0	-1.2	36.0	-4.3	31.5	1.0	34.1	2.1	36.8	-0.3	30.0	-5.7	30.4	-3.5	28.4	4.4	35.2	0.3	33.2	0.0
Mar	31.9	6.3	38.0	5.6	32.0	4.2	32.8	0.3	36.3	5.5	27.9	50.0	29.9	7.2	29.2	4.3	32.9	3.8	33.0	5.1
Apr	32.9	12.7	37.6	9.6	33.7	15.8	32.9	11.1	36.0	16.9	30.5	7.0	29.2	9.4	29.9	8.7	36.0	22.9	34.0	13.7
May	32.7	-0.9	36.7	-1.6	34.0	4.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	-0.3	30.7	-3.5	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.7	34.9	-4.4	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.4	-1.5	36.4	-5.7	32.9	4.1	33.1	0.3	34.7	-1.7	32.6	-1.5	29.3	-5.5	29.5	-3.3	34.4	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.6	0.3	36.7	-3.7	31.7	0.6	31.8	10.0	34.3	1.2	18.7	7.5	27.1	-7.8	29.3	-4.2	31.1	-1.0	32.0	0.6
Aug	29.8	-0.3	37.0	-0.3	31.9	3.2	31.4	2.3	32.0	-3.9	14.5	-13.7	25.8	-8.5	29.4	-1.7	28.7	-2.0	31.3	0.6
Sep	32.6	-0.6	38.7	5.4	31.1	-4.9	33.7	0.9	36.1	0.6	30.8	-3.8	29.7	-7.2	30.4	2.4	31.2	-7.4	33.7	-0.9
Oct	29.7	0.3	34.7	0.9	30.3	0.0	30.6	4.4	31.7	-0.3	27.1	2.3	26.9	-5.6	29.0	0.0	28.1	-1.4	30.7	0.0
Nov	31.9	-1.2	38.0	0.5	31.2	-1.3	32.1	-3.6	34.3	2.1	31.0	-1.0	29.1	-10.7	27.3	-6.2	32.9	-4.6	32.9	-1.8
Dec	32.4	0.0	38.4	0.3	32.0	-0.6	32.4	-3.9	35.8	5.9	30.1	-3.2	31.2	-0.6	26.5	-13.7	33.6	0.6	33.5	0.3
2008 Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
Mar	31.8	-0.3	35.0	-7.9	31.9	-0.3	33.0	0.6	35.5	-2.2	29.5	5.7	30.6	2.3	26.9	-7.9	34.2	4.0	32.8	-0.6
Apr	32.4	-1.5	39.5	5.1	30.7	-8.9	32.7	-0.6	36.9	2.5	32.6	6.9	29.4	0.7	27.2	-9.0	34.1	-5.3	33.3	-2.1
May	32.2	-1.5	36.1	-1.6	31.2	-8.2	34.1	3.3	35.1	-1.4	32.2	4.9	31.2	4.3	28.9	-0.3	34.1	-2.3	33.2	-1.8
Jun																				
Jul																				
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Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May07	32.4		37.3		32.7		33.4		36.0		30.1		30.0		29.1		34.7		33.4	
Jan-May08	32.1		36.7		31.4		33.7		35.4		31.4		30.4		27.1		34.3		33.0	
% Change	-0.8		-1.4		-4.2		0.9		-1.8		4.3		1.6		-6.7		-1.3		-1.2	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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